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three reports on the 10th Volary Border Guard (PS) Brigade. Attachment A concerns the organization of the brigade following a reorganization in September 1956. A sketch shows the location of the headquarters installations. Attachment B concerns the 7th PS Company of the 2nd PS Battalion, 10th PS Brigade. This company is located in Horni Silnice. A sketch shows the location of installations. Attachment C concerns the transfer of the 2nd PS Battalion headquarters from Kunzvar to Nove Hradky and from subordination to the 10th PS Brigade in Volary to the PS Brigade in Ceske Budejovice.¹ This transfer took place in September 1955. The report lists the officers of the 2nd PS Battalion headquarters.

1. Comment: The 15th PS Brigade is at Ceske Budejovice. 25X1

Attachments: (A - 2 pages, 1 sketch, B - 2 pages, 1 sketch; C - 2 pages):

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- A
1. After the reorganization in September 1955, the 10th Border Guard Brigade consists of 19 PS Companies and three PS battalions

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1st PS Battalion in Kvilda
2nd PS Battalion in Stozec (formerly was in Kunzvalt)
3rd PS Battalion in Plana.

2. The brigade headquarters has about 250 enlisted men and consists of the following units:

Brigade HQ proper
Reserve Company
Motor Transport Company
Signal Platoon
Brigade Training Center
NCO School
Headquarters Company.

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4. The Brigade Reserve Company has about 100 men and is organized into

1st Infantry Platoon (28 EM, submachine guns 7.62, rifles 7.62 M-52)
2nd Infantry Platoon (27 men, same armament as the 1st Co.)
HMG Platoon (20 EM, 4 HMG's Gordunov)
R/L Platoon (20 E.M., 4-6 rocket launchers Tarasnice).

CO is Sr.Lt. Josef Novak, political officer Sr. Lt. Jiri Kubala, platoon leader Sr. Lt. Ondrej Galanda, food supply officer Lt. Nemec (fnu).
The Reserve Company is normally assigned to guard duties.

5. The Motor Transport Company has about 30 enlisted men and the following vehicles:

7 trucks Tatra 111
4 trucks VS 3
2 trucks Skoda 706
4 trucks Praga RN
2 trucks Tatra 805

4 jeeps Skoda 1200
4 passenger cars (Skoda, Tatraplan)
2 tractors Zetor
4 motorcycles Jawa 250 and 350 ccm
2 motorcycles Soviet EMKA 750 cm

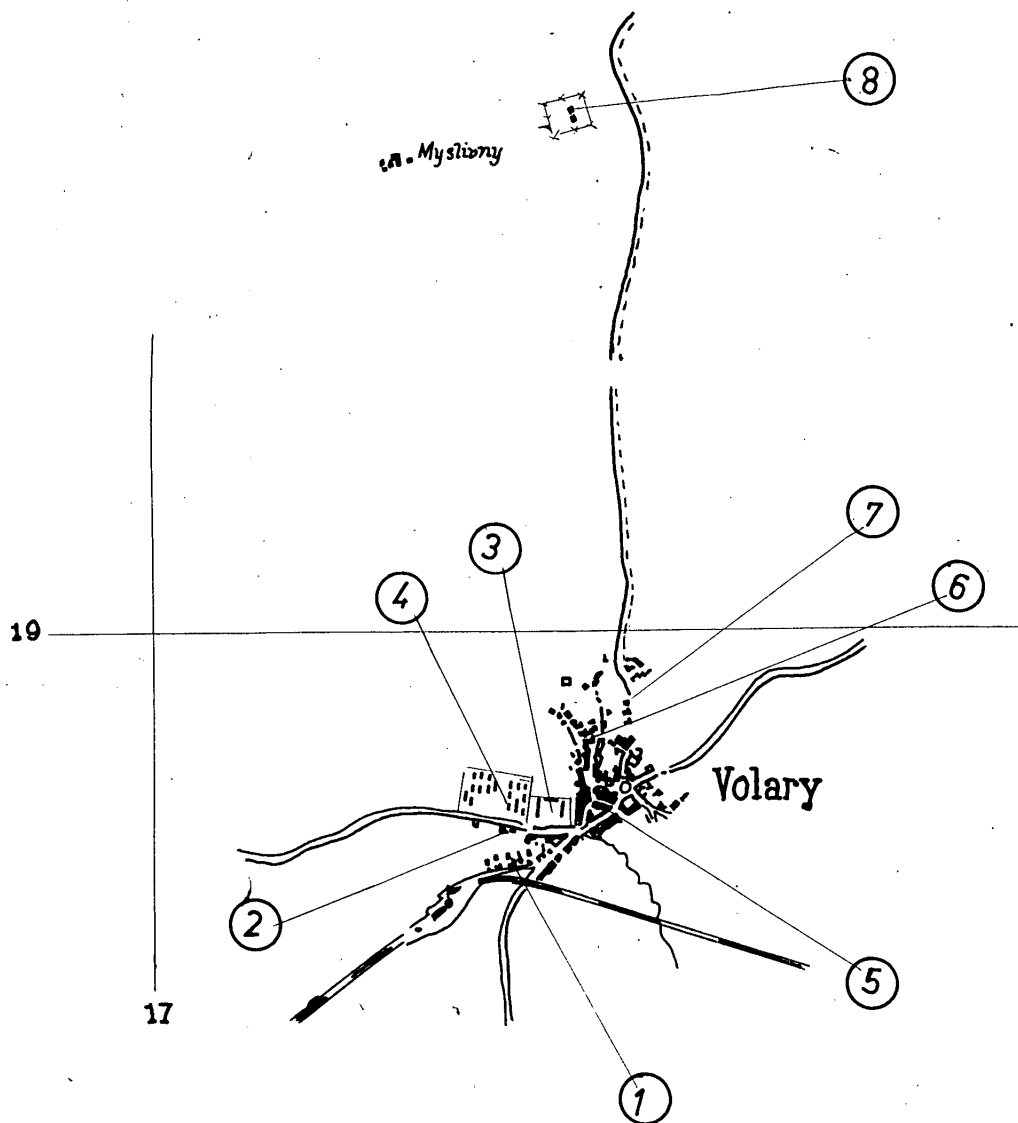
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- (1) Brigade Headquarters; near the RR station, three-storied, L-shaped, older building, about 60 x 30 meters.
- (2) Reserve Company quarters; L-shaped building, one wing is one-storied, other wing is three-storied; 30 x 15 meters.
- (3) Motor Transport Company; newly built barracks on an area of about 150 x 200 meters. There are three masonry buildings each about 100 x 6 meters; two of the buildings are garages, the third one is an auto workshop. A POL station is also in the courtyard.
- (4) Brigade Training Center, built in 1951 and 1952 on an area of about 300 x 200 meters. There are 18 wooden barracks, each about 30 x 10 meters. The NCO School and the Motor Transport Company have their billets in these barracks as well.
- (5) Brigade Food Store; two-storied, about 20 x 20 meters.
- (6) Brigade Ordnance Store and weapon repair workshop; contains brigade reserve weapons and ammunition. Two-storied building, about 15 x 15 m.
- (7) Brigade Dispensary; three-storied, about 20 x 15 meters.
- (8) Brigade Ammunition Store; newly built in 1955, about 8 x 5 meters large.

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1. The 7th PS Company in Horni Silnice belonged formerly to the 2nd PS Battalion in Kunzvalt (it was 8th PS Company then). After the September 1955 reorganization, the 2nd PS Battalion Kunzvalt was subordinated to the Ceske Budejovice PS Brigade and the former 8th PS Company was subordinated to the newly numbered 2nd PS Battalion (former 3rd PS Bn) in Stozec and its number was changed to the present 7th PS Company. Internally there were changes in the company. 25X1
 2. The company strength was two officers, 1 career NCO and 35 enlisted men. 25X1
Its CO was Lt. Vaclav Simonek.

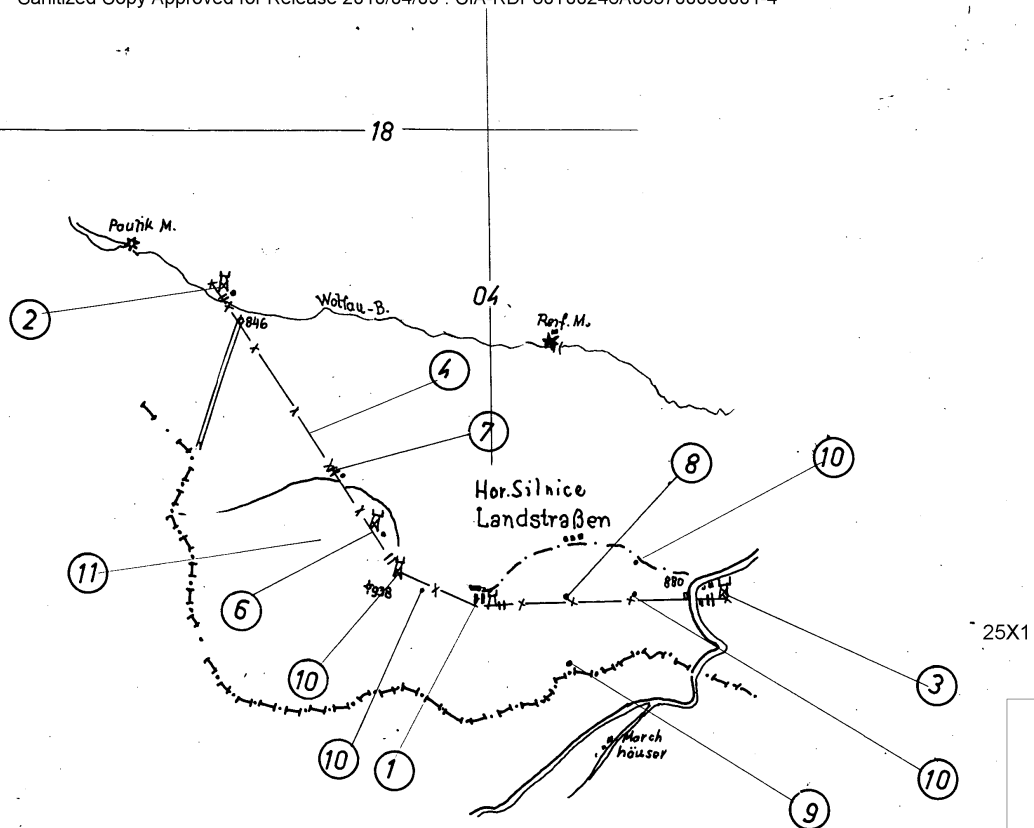
The deputy CO was Lt. Karel Horuta,
 3. Company's equipment consisted of the following:
 - 1 HMG Goryunov
 - 3 LMG's 7.62 mm Model 52
 - 25 rifles 7.62 mm Model 52 (old Model 98 N was withdrawn in Oct.1955)
 - 35 submachine guns 7.62 mm, with wooden stock
 - 24 hand grenades RG 4 in the guard room, more on the stock in the company's ammunition store
 - 3 pistols 7.62 mm
 - 20 telephone sets with plug-in cables
 - 2 riding horses
 - 2 draught horses.

Legend for the sketch

- (1) Company's quarters; two wooden barracks and one pre-fabricated house for officers. There is also an observation tower and an electric transformer within the enclosure.
- (2) Observation tower, 12 m high, liaison point between the 6th and 7th PS companies. Occupied day and night by guards.
- (3) Observation tower; liaison point between the 7th and 8th PS companies. Occupied day and night.
- (4) Wire obstacles of old type; a ploughed belt ran in front of the obstacle.

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- (5) (omitted on the sketch)
 - (6) Observation tower, 12 m high; usually occupied day and night.
 - (7) Tunnel under the obstacle; sometimes occupied during the night.
 - (8) Ambush position; may be occupied either during the day or during the night.
 - (9) Night position which was sometimes occupied during the night, but only when there was good visibility.
 - (10) Alternating ambush positions which used to be irregularly occupied during the night.
 - (11) The area of thin wires stretched low above the ground and attached to illuminating rockets.

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1. After the withdrawal of the Soviet [redacted] troops from [redacted] territory, a reorganization took place in the Czechoslovak Border Guard disposition. Within this reorganization the 10th PS Brigade in Volary lost in September 1955 its former 2nd PS Battalion located in Kunzvert. The 2nd Battalion HQ, including all its officers, was transferred to Nove Hradky (about 30 km southeast from Ceske Budejovice) and subordinated to the Ceske Budejovice PS Brigade. 25X1
2. The following officers belonged to the 2nd PS Battalion HQ and were transferred to Nove Hradky: 25X1

Capt. Miroslav Baloun, battalion CO. [redacted]

Sr. Lt. Dostal (fnu), battalion's chief of staff. [redacted]

Sr. Lt. Kochrda (fnu), political officer. [redacted]

Lt. Kalina (fnu), finance officer. [redacted]

Lt. Martinovsky (fnu), deputy political officer. [redacted]

Sr. Lt. Sulc (fnu), assignment unknown, probably an operations officer. [redacted]

Lt. Simlik (fnu), officer in charge of training. [redacted]

Sr. Lt. Vacek (fnu), CP chairman. [redacted]

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Sr. Lt. Zubryan (fnu), military intelligence officer.

Lt. Babicek (fnu), counterintelligence officer.

Lt. Svoboda (fnu), counterintelligence officer.

Capt. MUDr. Slachta (fnu), medical officer.